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FIXTURES FOR SEPTEMBER.

AUG. 31st
to Sep. 2nd:

HOTEL WEEKEND. Arrangements have been made for 50 Members and Friends to spend the long weekend at Mountain Park Inn, Bulwer
COST: £2.5 0 MEMBERS
£2.15.0 VISITORS.

TUESDAY 10TH:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING to be held at Rae Adams' residence, 2 Glenarvon, 324 Moore Road.

SUNDAY 15TH:

Garry will lead today's hike to WHITE ROCK HILL in the Umbumbulu district via South Coast Road. This hike is in a Native Reserve area so the cost will be
MEMBERS: 5/-
VISITORS: 7/3

WEDNESDAY 18TH:

CAMERA SECTION MEETING at Graham Bayman's residence 11 Florida Court, Florida Road, Durban. Bring slides and films for Show on 27th. Also prints.

FRIDAY 27TH:

FILM AND SLIDE SHOW arranged by Ramblers' Camera Section. Bring your family and friends along to Projection Room, Technical College, Arts and Crafts Building, to see slides and films taken on hikes, camps, etc.
Time - 7.45 p.m. COST: 2/6d.

SUNDAY 29TH:

Lindie will lead us through "hostile tribes" on a hike to AMATATA VALLEY. This hike is in the Inanda Reserve area and the cost will be
MEMBERS: 5/-
VISITORS: 7/6

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, all outings will start from the City Market Warwick Avenue, at 8.30 a.m.

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EDITORIAL:

There is a lot on the agenda for the rest of the year. The Hotel Camp in September, the Annual Dance will be held in October at the Edonroc Hotel (Durban, not the French Riviera), and the Maritzburg week-end will be held in November. One thing about the Ramblers Club, there is always something to look forward to.

I told Scotty, in spite of his protests, that I would mention him on the front page. He has been transferred to Jo'burg, so we won't see him so often. Scotty has been a leading Club personality for years, and we will all miss him

RAMBLERS' JULY SOCIAL.
Harry Thorsen.

The Social held at the Norwegian Hall on July 20th attracted 50 customers. Attractive Dawn Leibbrandt collected money at the door (painless extraction) and Tony Swaby's Band occupied the stage. Good music and genuine Ramblers' high spirits blended in a carefree atmosphere.

By the way, you don't have to bring a partner to the socials. Lots of people come along hen or stag, and somehow the Balance of Nature stays put. Come along to the next one, and have a lot of fun.

The publication of the Birthday Honours List followed. Leading club personalities were recognised and presented with medals or gifts. (Whether they liked it or not).

John Scott - The Noble Order of the Etchings.
Claude Ambler - Hon. Life Membership of the Zoll Club.
Bob Ferns - The special Food Medal of the Betty Crocker
Cookery Institute.
Lindie Lindhorst - Oldest member present. The Ancient Order of
the Long Tooth.
Jimmy Gallagher - The Friendship Award of 1957.
Harry Thorsen - Official recognition as the best-dressed Rambler.

Last time we held a social at the Norwegian Hall the power failed and we danced in pitch darkness, but nothing much happened tonight.

The fun and games continued 'til Midnight. Thank you all for coming and special thanks to the girls of the Entertainments Committee who did the catering.

UNCLE RAE'S COLUMN

Dear Uncle Rae,

I hear your brother is being treated by a psychiatrist. How is he getting on?

Yours, etc.,

Enid.

Dear Enid,

Oh, he's much better, thank you. Now he can sit up on the couch.

Yours, etc.,

Uncle Rae.

ANNUAL AMBLE FOR 1957.
Harry Thorsen.

It was Amble Day at Crestholme. The atmosphere was taut as competitors paid their entrance fee and rode off to the starting gate. Leading personalities of both Clubs were there. Some to compete and some to watch.

Marge Parr made a comeback on the Amble course this year. Margaret Moore, who came in second in 1956 was also competing. The other ladies were having a go at their first Amble.

They got away at 10.20 a.m. to a flying start, and dashed off into the unknown. In the meantime the men were under starter's orders.

Dudley Saville (White shorts and vest) soon grabbed the lead. Don Gibbs, Chris Schorn, Colin Craig and the Editor pounded after him.

Margaret and Daphne Ward were well ahead of the other ladies at the five-mile check-point. Little Jill Craig striding confidently was a minute behind the leaders, followed by Margery Tomlinson, a little flushed, but going well. Pat McLeod and Joy Travers came next, and then Marge ten minutes behind.

In the meantime the Men's race was well under way with Dudley in the lead with his usual effortless stride. He covered his first lap in 52 minutes, nearly 6 m.p.h. Chris Schorn, Percy Reid (long time no see Percy) and Theo Menno of Maritzburg pounded after him. As usual the Amble day was the hottest in months, clouds of dust swirled over the path. These are not excuses, by the way, just general moans.

Des Nell, Donn Gibbs, Harry, Allan Walton and Don Allison passed the first check point well within the hour, followed by Garry Rabie, Dou Drysdale and Billy Langlois.

As the competitors sweated and strained the marshalls relaxed in the shade and waffled. At every check point, oranges and lemonade were offered to the amblers. The little boys of "Misty Moors" provided the best catering service, offering tea, coffee, water or beer shandies to the amblers. Dymock patrolled the circuit, and made sure that nobody ran - as if they could in that dust!

Daphne and Margaret stayed together for nine miles, and got well ahead. Then Daphne slowed down on Heartbreak Hill and Margaret gained two minutes. She kept this lead, and crossed the tape at N'Kutu. There was great excitement as she came in. We learned later that she was just recovering from 'flu' and had to be dosed with cough-mixture during the race. Daphne came in 2nd and Helga who had overtaken Margery somewhere came in 3rd. So the 'Maritzburg Ramblers got their cup.

Dudley ambled his first 20 miles in 105 minutes and started the third lap with a considerable lead. Perfect fitness, a beautiful natural style and a thorough knowledge of the course, all contribute to his Amble successes. Chris and Percy Reid still held on behind him but were beginning to tire. In fact Percy dropped out in his third lap and Chris showed the most grit in the whole race by finishing the course. Harry, Alan Walton and Don Gibbs came next. But all attention was focussed on Garry Rabie and Melt van der Spuy who came surging up from behind. Brian Clark, also, rallied up and came strongly on.

Then, the final, killing circuit, up the long hill, down the other side. The tantalising bit of shade where marshalls sprawled in comfort, and then the long, blistering torture of Heartbreak Hill

After 15 miles Dudley was a minute ahead of Melt and Garry. Des Nel lay 4th, and then came Don Gibbs and Colin Craig in his red hat. Colin had discarded his shoes and looked tired but still came on, on.

Down the last half-mile to N'Kutu stream. Would Dudley win again? Melt was straining every muscle in pursuit. No, no, Dudley had made it! After that, they flocked home like pigeons. Melt, Garry, Des Nel, Don Gibbs and Clive Craig. In fact the first 8 competitors finished in less than 3 hours - 5 m.p.h. plus on that murderous bit of road!

In 1954, Dudley, on his first Club outing won the Amble, and again in 1956. Tell me, when will the cup go out of the Saville family? Melt and Garry also deserved their cups, with those beautifully timed bursts of speed. Theo Menne and Chris Schorn, who refused to give up deserve special mention. The 1957 Amble was a great race.

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CLUB NOTES

We welcome new Members:

Jennifer Blyth
Norman Brown
Aethia Wells

SUBSCRIPTIONS There are still a number of Annual Subscriptions outstanding. Subscriptions fall due on 1st January each year, so please give this matter your earliest attention.

SANI PASS: Special price reductions have been arranged with the Mkhotlong Mountain Transport for members of this Club who wish to take advantage of their Jeep/Landrover trips to Mkhotlong or the shorter trip to the top of the Sani Pass. They offer a reduction to £8 per person (£4 each way) for parties of 5 to Mkhotlong, and for the short trip a reduction to £4 per person for parties of 8. Normal prices are £10 and £5. Contact the Club Secretary if you are interested.

ANNUAL DANCE 1957: Keep the 12th October open for the Club's Annual Dance which is to be held at the Edenroc Hotel this year. Tickets will be in the region of £1.1 0. Double and will shortly be obtainable from any Executive Committee Member. Please tell your friends about this Dance. Reg. Bourne's Orchestra will be in attendance.

LOST PROPERTY: Lindie Lindhorst has the following articles mislaid at the July Camp in his safekeeping. To recover same please phone him at 48686 between 6.30 and 7.30 in the evening.

1 Pack
1 Pr. Hose
Knife, Fork & Spoon Set
2 Plates
1 Mug

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Changes of address should be notified in writing in order to avoid confusion. This is important as your old addressograph stencil has to be scrapped and a new one obtained.

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P.O. Box 1063,
DURBAN.
8th August, 1957.

To All Members:

HOTEL WEEKEND : 31ST AUGUST TO 2ND SEPTEMBER.

We are spending this year's hotel weekend at Mountain Park Hotel, Bulwer, a licensed hotel with amenities including swimming, tennis, fishing, riding, billiards and snooker, and attractive walks. In addition our Social Committee is to arrange dancing for Saturday night at the hotel. The cost will be £2.5.- per person, including transport. (includes taxi)

If you wish to go along please phone the Secretary, Shirley Louw, 57560 (Home), before Friday 16th August so that reservations can be made. The first 40 will be catered for.

Please forward cheques and money to Hervyn Campion, Hon. Treasurer, P.O. Box 1063, before 25th August, 1957

Car owners who can offer Transport are requested to contact the Secretary as soon as possible

SHIRLEY LOUW.
HON. SECRETARY

N.B. The first party will leave at 9.30 a.m. and the second at 2.0 p.m. Meet outside Stuttafords in West Street. Lunch at the hotel on the Saturday will be charged for as an extra for those who arrive in time.

